

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 MADRID 04850 271553Z

50

ACTION EUR-10

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ADP-00 NSC-10 NSCE-00 CIAE-00 INR-10

NSAE-00 RSC-01 L-02 MBFR-02 SAJ-01 PRS-01 ACDA-10

PM-03 AEC-05 DODE-00 RSR-01 /071 W

----- 063774

R 271449Z AUG 73

FM AMEMBASSY MADRID

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6522

INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS

S E C R E T MADRID 4850

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SP, FR

SUBJECT: VISIT TO SPAIN OF FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: MADRID 4758

1. DURING CONVERSATION AUG 23, THE AMB INQUIRED OF FOREIGN MINISTER LOPEZ-RODO CONCERNING MATTERS HE WOULD DISCUSS WITH THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER DURING THE LATTER'S AUG 27-28 VISIT. LOPEZ-RODO CONFIRMED THE AMB'S ASSUMPTION THAT ONE SUCH MATTER WOULD BE THE BASQUE QUESTION, ADDING THAT SPAIN HAS HAD GOOD COLLABORATION IN THE PAST FROM FRANCE, PARTICULARLY REMOVAL OF BASQUE ACTIVISTS FROM AREAS NEAR THE FRONTIER. LATELY, HOWEVER, THERE HAVE BEEN PROBLEMS. FRENCH HAVE REFUSED TO EXTRADITE THE KIDNAPPERS OF INDUSTRIALIST HUARTE, ON GROUNDS THAT OFFENSE WAS POLITICAL. HE WILL REMONSTRATE STRONGLY WITH JOBERT, SINCE HUARTE DOES NOT HAVE OR HAS HAD ANY POLITICAL AFFILIATION. OFFENSE IS CLEARLY A CRIMINAL ONE AND HE HOPES TO IMPRESS ON JOBERT THAT FRENCH ARE BEING SHORTSIGHTED IN THEIR ATTITUDE, SINCE THEY CAN SURELY EXPECT SOME BASQUE TERRORISM IN THE FUTURE OF THE SAME TYPE EXPERIENCED IN SPAIN NOW. MANY EXTREME BASQUE NATIONALISTS THINK OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY AS INCLUDING THE PROVINCES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE FRONTIER AS THEIR DREAM OF AN INDEPENDENT OR AUTONOMOUS STATE. HE WILL

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 MADRID 04850 271553Z

FURTHER POINT OUT THAT IN CONTRAST WITH FRANCE'S ATTITUDE,

SWITZERLAND, A DEMOCRATIC STATE, HAS GRANTED EXTRADITION TO SPAIN OF THE KIDNAPPER OF MOISE TSHOMBE. THERE MIGHT BE SOME ARGUMENT THAT TSHOMBE'S KIDNAPPING HAD A POLITICAL CONTEXT, ALTHOUGH STILL A CRIME, BUT THIS COULD NOT BE APPLIED TO HUARTE'S.

2. LOPEZ RODO THEN SAID THERE WOULD BE OTHER TOPICS BUT ONLY VOLUNTEERED THAT JOBERT AND THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAVE GREAT UNEASINESS AND DISTRUST OF THE RECENT NIXON-BREZHNEV TALKS. THEY VIEW THEM AS A FIRST STEP IN THE BIG POWERS MAKING DEALS AT THE EXPENSE OF EUROPE, WITH THE PURPOSE OF ATTAINING THE FINLANDIZATION OF WESTERN EUROPE. WHEN THE AMB QUERIED HIM FURTHER, HE SAID THE CONCERN IS THAT THERE WILL BE AGREEMENT TO WITHDRAW US TROOPS, AND THEY SEE EVEN GREATER DANGER IN THE NUCLEAR ARMS AGREEMENTS WHICH COULD WELL RESULT IN WEAKENING THE NUCLEAR DETERRENT ON WHICH EVERYTHING DEPENDS. (LOPEZ RODO HAD RECENT TALK WITH FRENCH AMB GILLET AND THIS VIEW MAY HAVE BEEN PASSED ON TO HIM BY GILLET AT THAT TIME).
RIVERO

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 27 AUG 1973
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: willialc
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973MADRID04850
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS RIVERO
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: MADRID
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730814/aaaaajrd.tel
Line Count: 79
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Reference: MADRID 4758
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: willialc
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 26 SEP 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <26-Sep-2001 by kelleyw0>; APPROVED <23-Oct-2001 by willialc>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: VISIT TO SPAIN OF FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER
TAGS: PFOR, SP, FR
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005